

## 36TH DISTRICT COURT OF DETROIT (60)

### *AGENCY PLAN: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, GOALS AND BUDGET SUMMARY*

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The 36<sup>th</sup> District Court is to administer justice with fairness, equality and integrity, resolve matters before the court in a timely manner with trained and motivated staff and provide courteous and prompt service in a manner that inspires public trust and confidence.

#### AGENCY GOAL:

Maintain and insure speedy, efficient and just litigation on all cases before the Court.

#### AGENCY FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

2008-09 <u>Requested</u>		2007-08 <u>Budget</u>	2008-09 <u>Recommended</u>	Increase (Decrease)
\$ 55,394,904	City Appropriations	\$ 44,746,533	\$ 44,191,898	\$ (554,635)
\$ 55,394,904	Total Appropriations	\$ 44,746,533	\$ 44,191,898	\$ (554,635)
\$ 23,049,487	City Revenues	\$ 23,032,955	\$ 21,473,256	\$ (1,559,699)
\$ 23,049,487	Total Revenues	\$ 23,032,955	\$ 21,473,256	\$ (1,559,699)
\$ 32,345,417	NET TAX COST:	\$ 21,713,578	<u>\$ 22,718,642</u>	\$ 1,005,064

#### AGENCY EMPLOYEE STATISTICS:

2008-09 <u>Requested</u>		2007-08 <u>Budget</u>	04-04-08 <u>Actual</u>	2008-09 <u>Recommended</u>	Increase (Decrease)
<u>392</u>	City Positions	<u>392</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>0</u>
392	Total Positions	392	450	392	0

#### ACTIVITIES IN THIS AGENCY:

	2007-08 <u>Budget</u>	2008-09 <u>Recommended</u>	Increase (Decrease)
District Court - City	\$ 14,778,845	\$ 14,490,716	\$ (288,129)
State Functions	<u>29,967,688</u>	<u>29,701,182</u>	<u>(266,506)</u>
Total Appropriations	\$ 44,746,533	\$ 44,191,898	\$ (554,635)

## **36TH DISTRICT COURT OF DETROIT (60)**

### ***36th DISTRICT COURT ACTIVITY INFORMATION***

#### **ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION: 36TH DISTRICT COURT**

The 36th District Court is a limited jurisdiction court serving the City of Detroit. The Court has exclusive jurisdiction in all litigation up to \$25,000 and handles small claims and landlord/tenant proceedings. The 36th District Court handles a large volume of civil infraction traffic violations, drunk driving, misdemeanor and felony arraignments, and some parking violations, among various other court responsibilities. Criminal Jurisdiction includes all misdemeanor criminal offenses and preliminary examination of felony offenses. Annual case filings exceed 450,000, the majority of which are handled in the Traffic and Ordinance Division. Michigan's largest limited jurisdiction court, the 36th District Court has 31 judges, 6 magistrates, and over 450 employees at a single location in downtown Detroit. The 36th District Court is one of the busiest courts in the nation. On a monthly basis, more than 160,000 citizens conduct business, nearly 2,000 prisoners are processed at the Court and in excess of 65,000 telephone inquiries are received.

#### **GOAL:**

To administer justice with fairness, equality and integrity, to resolve matters before the Court in a timely manner with trained and motivated staff and to provide courteous and prompt service in a manner that inspires public trust and confidence.

#### **MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR FY 2007-08:**

The 36<sup>th</sup> District Court's main focus this fiscal year is on obtaining sufficient funding to maintain the court at full operation, fill current vacancies, purchase technologies that will improve court operations, provide speedy and efficient service to the public, and meet the Michigan Supreme Court's Administrative Order 2003-7 time guidelines for the adjudication of cases. For the past several years, the Court has experienced the challenge of continuing court operations while facing significant reductions in appropriations. As a result, the court has instituted a hiring freeze, eliminated all but essential overtime and postponed the purchase of new technologies.

#### **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE FOR FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10 and BEYOND:**

In the future, the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court plans to introduce new technologies that improve the timeliness and effectiveness of court operations. One of these new technologies we would like to utilize at the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court is imaging equipment. The use of imaging equipment would improve court operations by providing the Court with the means to electronically scan traffic tickets into the computer system. This process would improve the Court's effectiveness and reduce costs by eliminating the need to manually enter each ticket into the database.

The 36<sup>th</sup> District Court continues to hold its vision of becoming nationally recognized as a leader in providing innovative, cost effective and efficient administration of justice. One of the most cost effective ways to materialize this vision is through the use of technology. By using technology, the Court will not only enhance internal processes but also provide better services to the community.

### 36TH DISTRICT COURT OF DETROIT (60)

#### *DISTRICT COURT MEASURES AND TARGETS*

<b>Type of Performance Measure:</b> List of Measures	<b>2005-06</b> <b>Actual</b>	<b>2006-07</b> <b>Actual</b>	<b>2007-08</b> <b>Projection</b>	<b>2008-09</b> <b>Target</b>
<b>Outputs: Units of Activity directed towards Goals</b>				
<b>Criminal Division</b>				
Felony	11,723	12,048	12,650	13,283
Misdemeanors	64,664	90,978	95,527	100,303
Civil Infractions	3,835	8,306	8,721	9,157
<b>Traffic and Ordinance</b>				
Misdemeanors and Civil	185,218	200,173	210,182	220,691
Operating under the influence of Liquor (OUIL/OWI)	3,945	3,864	4,057	4,260
<b>Civil Division</b>				
General	49,304	58,586	61,515	64,591
Small Claims	7,391	4,496	4,721	4,957
Real Estate	37,995	42,016	44,117	46,323
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>364,075</b>	<b>420,467</b>	<b>441,490</b>	<b>463,565</b>
<b>Activity Cost</b>	<b>\$17,811,059</b>	<b>\$14,194,527</b>	<b>\$14,128,845</b>	<b>\$14,490,716</b>

**CITY OF DETROIT**  
**36th District Court**  
**Financial Detail by Appropriation and Organization**

<b>Direct Costs</b> <b>District Court</b>	<b>2007-08</b> <b>Redbook</b>		<b>2008-09</b> <b>Dept Final</b> <b>Request</b>		<b>2008-09</b> <b>Mayor's</b> <b>Budget Rec</b>	
	<b>FTE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<i>APPROPRIATION ORGANIZATION</i>						
00393 - District Court						
600010 - Direct Costs	31	\$8,447,677	31	\$8,230,646	31	\$8,093,356
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$8,447,677</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$8,230,646</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$8,093,356</b>
00663 - 36th District Security Reimbursement						
600035 - Court Security Reimbursement	0	\$5,681,168	0	\$5,965,226	0	\$5,747,360
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$5,681,168</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$5,965,226</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$5,747,360</b>
11194 - Drug Court						
600155 - Drug Court	0	\$400,000	0	\$400,000	0	\$400,000
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
12221 - Project Fresh Start						
600160 - Project Fresh Start	0	\$250,000	0	\$250,000	0	\$250,000
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>ACTIVITY TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$14,778,845</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$14,845,872</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$14,490,716</b>

**CITY OF DETROIT**  
**Budget Development for FY 2008-2009**  
**Appropriations - Summary Objects**

	<b>2007-08 Redbook</b>	<b>2008-09 Dept Final Request</b>	<b>2008-09 Mayor's Budget Rec</b>
<b>AC0560 - District Court</b>			
<i>A60000 - 36th District Court</i>			
SALWAGESL - Salary & Wages	1,417,444	1,417,444	1,417,444
EMPBENESL - Employee Benefi	1,398,183	939,339	877,791
PROFSVCSL - Professional/Con	1,761,050	1,834,380	1,834,380
OPERSVCSL - Operating Servic	9,367,325	9,743,567	9,525,701
OTHEXPSSL - Other Expenses	834,843	911,142	835,400
<i>A60000 - 36th District Court</i>	<i>14,778,845</i>	<i>14,845,872</i>	<i>14,490,716</i>
<b>AC0560 - District Court</b>	<b>14,778,845</b>	<b>14,845,872</b>	<b>14,490,716</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14,778,845</b>	<b>14,845,872</b>	<b>14,490,716</b>

## **36TH DISTRICT COURT OF DETROIT (60)**

### ***STATE TRANSFERRED FUNCTIONS ACTIVITY INFORMATION***

#### ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION: STATE TRANSFERRED FUNCTIONS

To exercise exclusive jurisdiction over Detroit civil claims under \$25,000, misdemeanor and ordinance violation cases and to perform all magisterial functions for felony criminal cases.

This activity encompasses the Thirty-Sixth District Court operations that were previously controlled by the State of Michigan, which were transferred to the City of Detroit when Public Act 374 of 1996 was enacted.

#### GOAL:

To maintain and insure speedy, efficient and just litigation on all cases before the Court.

#### MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR FY 2007-08:

The Court continues to become involved in initiatives to help the city and other agencies. A program to coordinate police officers attendance of traffic cases has shown a reduction in case dismissal due to non-attendance.

**CITY OF DETROIT**  
**36th District Court**  
**Financial Detail by Appropriation and Organization**

<b>District Court Operations</b> <b>State Transferred Functions</b>	<b>2007-08</b> <b>Redbook</b>		<b>2008-09</b> <b>Dept Final</b> <b>Request</b>		<b>2008-09</b> <b>Mayor's</b> <b>Budget Rec</b>	
	<b>FTE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<i>APPROPRIATION ORGANIZATION</i>						
05715 - State Transferred Functions						
600014 - District Court Operations	361	\$28,109,298	361	\$38,019,942	361	\$28,041,842
600100 - Court Administration	0	\$1,858,390	0	\$2,529,090	0	\$1,659,340
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>\$29,967,688</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>\$40,549,032</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>\$29,701,182</b>
<b>ACTIVITY TOTAL</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>\$29,967,688</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>\$40,549,032</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>\$29,701,182</b>

**CITY OF DETROIT**  
**Budget Development for FY 2008-2009**  
**Appropriations - Summary Objects**

	<b>2007-08 Redbook</b>	<b>2008-09 Dept Final Request</b>	<b>2008-09 Mayor's Budget Rec</b>
<b>AC1560 - State Transferred Functions</b>			
<i>A60000 - 36th District Court</i>			
SALWAGESL - Salary & Wages	16,602,017	23,257,978	17,286,340
EMPBENESL - Employee Benefi	11,507,281	14,761,964	10,755,502
PROFSVCSL - Professional/Con	400,000	578,810	400,000
OPERSUPSL - Operating Suppli	500,000	823,770	480,000
OPERSVCSL - Operating Servic	839,660	843,560	624,160
CAPEQUPSL - Capital Equipmei	67,000	203,450	103,450
OTHEXPSSL - Other Expenses	51,730	79,500	51,730
<i>A60000 - 36th District Court</i>	<i>29,967,688</i>	<i>40,549,032</i>	<i>29,701,182</i>
<b>AC1560 - State Transferred Functions</b>	<b>29,967,688</b>	<b>40,549,032</b>	<b>29,701,182</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>29,967,688</b>	<b>40,549,032</b>	<b>29,701,182</b>



**CITY OF DETROIT**  
**Budget Development for FY 2008-2009**  
**Appropriation Summary - Revenues**

	2006-07 Actuals	2007-08 Redbook	2008-09 Dept Final Request	2008-09 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance
<b>A60000 - 36th District Court</b>					
<i>00393 - District Court</i>					
422210 - Other Shared Taxes - T	980,312	826,578	843,110	827,129	551
449140 - Personal Services-Stat	1,404,430	1,417,444	1,417,444	1,417,444	0
<i>00393 - District Court</i>	<i>2,384,742</i>	<i>2,244,022</i>	<i>2,260,554</i>	<i>2,244,573</i>	<i>551</i>
<i>05715 - State Transferred Functions</i>					
448115 - Other Fees	10,329,644	9,945,250	9,945,250	10,485,000	539,750
449200 - Personal Services-Mpd	0	143,683	143,683	143,683	0
455100 - Ordinance Fines-Traffic	6,241,283	9,300,000	9,300,000	7,200,000	(2,100,000)
455105 - Court Fines	428,186	400,000	400,000	400,000	0
472100 - Other Forfeits And Pen	1,103,796	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
<i>05715 - State Transferred Functions</i>	<i>18,102,909</i>	<i>20,788,933</i>	<i>20,788,933</i>	<i>19,228,683</i>	<i>(1,560,250)</i>
<b>A60000 - 36th District Court</b>	<b>20,487,651</b>	<b>23,032,955</b>	<b>23,049,487</b>	<b>21,473,256</b>	<b>(1,559,699)</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20,487,651</b>	<b>23,032,955</b>	<b>23,049,487</b>	<b>21,473,256</b>	<b>(1,559,699)</b>

**CITY OF DETROIT  
MAYOR'S 2008-2009 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

**36th District Court**

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>REDBOOK FY 2007</b>	<b>DEPT REQUEST</b>	<b>MAYORS FY 2008</b>
<b>Organization</b>	<b>2008 FTE</b>	<b>FY 2008 2009 FTE</b>	<b>2009 FTE</b>
<b>Classification</b>			
<b>00393 - District Court</b>			
<b>600010 - Direct Costs</b>			
Judge - 36th District Court	31	31	31
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total District Court</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>05715 - State Transferred Functions</b>			
<b>600014 - District Court Operations</b>			
Detroit Judicial Council Staff	361	361	361
<b>Total District Court Operations</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>361</b>
<b>Total State Transferred Functions</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>361</b>
<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>392</b>